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LIBRARY:**RE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF WASTE PITS LINERS INVESTIGATION**

Dear Mr. Reising:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the responses to our comments on the Draft PSP for Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Investigation of Waste Pits Liners and Liner Subsurface Material. We find your responses satisfactory with the exception of your responses to our comments number 1 and number 6.

The response to comment 1 states that a Waste Pits Remedial Action Project personnel will monitor activities to ensure compliance with the safeguards to minimize the risk of GMA contamination. We believe that a geologist from the Aquifer Restoration and Waste water Treatment Project would be better qualified to make these decisions.

In a similar vein, the response to comment 6 states that the project geologist would be tasked with identifying the interface between the pit liners and the underlying materials. This response is satisfactory but we note that a project geologist is not identified in Table 1-1, Key Personnel.

The Ohio EPA conditionally approves the PSP. The conditions of our approval are the addition of the name of the Project Geologist from the Aquifer Restoration and Waste Water Treatment Project to Table 1-1 and a clarification that the geologist will monitor all

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boring activities. The issuance of change pages will be satisfactory.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

for Tom Ontko

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